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Daily Overview

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated
Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES−ISAC) − http://esisac.com]

1. *February 18, The Plain Dealer (OH)* — **U.S. nuclear regulator criticized for lack of communication. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) internal watchdog says the agency still hasn't dealt with the most important flaw exposed by the Davis−Besse debacle −− poor communication among headquarters, regional managers, and the inspectors based at nuclear plants.** Shaken by its inability to catch the pineapple−size rust hole that had grown since 1998 in the lid of the Davis− Besse nuclear reactor near Toledo, OH, the NRC last

March launched a three−year, $4.9 million corrective program intended to prevent the lapses from recurring. However, the measures in the agency's "action plan" don't get at the underlying communication problem, inspector general Hubert Bell warned NRC Chairman Nils Diaz. "The point we're trying to make is that almost everything that happened can be traced back to the root cause of lack of communication," George Mulley, the inspector general's senior assistant for investigative operations, explained. If the NRC doesn't directly confront that issue, "our concern is that if something like [Davis−Besse] happened again, the results would be the same," said Mulley.
Source: http://www.cleveland.com/news/plaindealer/index.ssf?/base/news/107710048289090.xml

2. *February 18, Associated Press* — **OPEC cuts possible. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) may cut production again at its next meeting in March if prices fall from current levels,** according to Venezuela's energy minister, Rafael Ramirez. Ramirez said a production cut would not be necessary if OPEC maintains discipline in reducing 1.5 million barrels a day in overproduction, because prices would likely remain at current levels. **Oil prices have risen since the OPEC meeting last week when OPEC decided to cut overproduction immediately** and trim members' output quotas by 1 million barrels a day effective April 1. North Sea Brent crude for April delivery was up 41 cents at $31.10 a barrel Wednesday, February 18, in London, while March contracts for light sweet U.S. crude were up 34 cents at $35.53 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp−dyn/articles/A51391−2004Feb 18.html

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Chemical Sector

3. *February 18, Associated Press* — **Ammonia leak forces evacuations in Ohio. Someone trying to steal anhydrous ammonia from a fertilizer plant early Wednesday released a stinging cloud of the chemical that led to the evacuation of about 300 residents, fire officials said.** No injuries were reported. Most residents were allowed to return about an hour after a hazardous materials team closed a valve on an ammonia tank, Harlan Township Fire Chief Andy Mitten said. The leak at the Southwest Landmark plant was reported about 4:30 a.m., officials said. The company has had break−ins before, Mitten said. Plant manager Mike Young has asked authorities to investigate. **Firefighters arriving at the plant found a thick, gray cloud hovering about two feet off the ground. Fire officials evacuated 280 residents from this southwest Ohio village, located 25 miles east of Cincinnati, along with about 20 other families who live nearby.** Ammonia vapor can burn skin on contact and if inhaled can caused fatal lung damage. Southwest Landmark has about 40 tanks that hold 300 to 400 gallons each of liquid ammonia.
Source: http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/content/news/ap/ap_story.html/National/AP.V6667.AP−Ammonia−Leak.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

4. *February 17, Aerospace Daily* — **JSF could see major changes according to officials. The coming months could reveal significant changes for the Department of Defense's (DoD) F−35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) program, according to government and industry officials. During the F−35's first critical design review in April, the prime contractor expects to learn more about how DoD wants to resolve the aircraft's weight problems,** company officials said. The unwanted pounds already have led the DoD to delay the purchase of a small fraction of the 2,443 aircraft it plans to acquire for the Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy. About 70 JSFs that were slated for procurement by fiscal 2009 will now be bought in FY '10 or beyond. The delay is intended to ensure the program has enough time to resolve the aircraft's weight problems. Pentagon officials, including Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, have said that such weight challenges are common for aircraft under development.
Source: http://www.aviationnow.com/avnow/news/channel_aerospacedaily_story.jsp?id=news/maj02174.xml

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Banking and Finance Sector

5. *February 18, PC World* — **E−mail scam targets National Australia Bank. The National Australia Bank (NAB) is warning all its customers of an e−mail scam which gleans confidential information from online banking accounts. The scam is the fourth to hit the NAB in the last year.** An NAB spokesperson said they are aware of only one customer that has been conned thus far, and the customer has since been asked to change their password on their online account. The scam e−mail comes into people's inboxes with the title 'Your National Bank account protection,' and asks the reader to click on a link to validate the bank account information. The link goes to a fraudulent Website and collects personal information. As of Wednesday, February 18, the fake URL has been blocked. Bankers who visit the site now get an error page. **According to a bank spokesperson, the site was hosted in China.**
Source: http://www.pcworld.idg.com.au/index.php?id=1041815809&fp=2&f pid=1

6. *February 17, Associated Press* — **SEC sues Seattle man, alleging identity theft. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) sued a Seattle, WA, day−trader Tuesday, February 17, alleging he ran a fraudulent scheme by creating or stealing people's identities and opening brokerage accounts in their names.** The man, identified by federal authorities as Suheil M. Judeh, allegedly forged checks to fund the accounts and then used them to trade with his own brokerage account in a way that ensured his account always profited and the others always incurred losses. **The SEC alleges that Judeh used 26 identities −− at least a half a dozen actually people and the rest identities he made up,** said Tom Eme, an attorney based in the SEC's San Francisco, CA, office. The commission's complaint charges Judeh with fraud in violation of federal securities laws and seeks an order requiring him to forfeit his illegal earnings and pay civil penalties.
Source: http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/local/aplocal_story.asp?category=6420&slug=WA%20Identity%20Theft

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Transportation Sector

7. *February 18, CNN* — **Train blast destroys Iran villages. Scores of people have been killed in northeastern Iran when runaway train cars filled with fuel and chemicals derailed and exploded, destroying five nearby villages, Iranian officials said.** Iran's state−run news agency IRNA said Wednesday's explosion killed at least 200 and injured as many as 350. Many of the fatalities were local villagers, onlookers and rescue workers responding to the derailment in Khorasan province east of Tehran, according to reports. They died when the train cars exploded around 10:30 a.m. (0800 GMT). **The 51−car train was transporting gasoline, phosphorous and other industrial chemicals when some cars broke loose and derailed, officials said.** "The wagons began exploding one after another," journalist Shirzad Bozorgmehr told CNN. The explosion could be heard 50 miles (80 km) away and was so powerful that it shook the earth and registered on seismographs as a minor 3.6−magnitude earthquake, Chance reported. **The train cars were sitting on the tracks, waiting to be moved, and were not attached to a locomotive. An inquiry will look into how the cars got loose and rolled down a slope toward the villages, Bozorgmehr said.** Video of the scene showed several cars piled up on the train tracks, and a thick black cloud of smoke was coming from several cars, fully engulfed in flames.
   Source: http://www.cnn.com/2004/WORLD/meast/02/18/iran.train/index.h tml

8. *February 18, The News Tribune (Tacoma, WA)* — **New technology tests port security.** Sometime later this month, a standard 40−foot international shipping container will arrive at the Port of Tacoma from Japan filled with sensors and other high−tech equipment and locked with an electronic seal. **It will be the first container shipped as part of the $58 million Operation Safe Commerce −− a pilot project aimed at increasing the security of cargo arriving from overseas at the nation's ports.** And though the program has a gee−whiz side −− with gadgets that can track shipping containers as they sail the globe and tell whether they have been tampered with −− it also gives a detailed look at any security vulnerabilities in the worldwide shipping system. Since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks there has been increasing concern that cargo containers could carry biological, chemical or nuclear weapons, including a so−called dirty bomb. **Of the millions of shipping containers that enter U.S. ports every year, only two percent are opened to have cargo checked. Last year alone, more than 1.7 million containers arrived at the Port of Tacoma.**
   Source: http://www.tribnet.com/news/story/4755440p−4702067c.html

9. *February 18, Department of Transportation* — **NHTSA extends dual−fuel credit for fuel economy through model year 2008. In an effort to spur the continued development and use of alternate−fuel−powered vehicles, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has extended until 2008 the incentive for dual−fueled vehicles created by the Alternative Motor Fuels Act (AMFA).** The DOT's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration expects that the four−year extension of the incentive means that manufacturers will produce more dual−fueled vehicles than they would if the incentive were not extended. "Diversifying the fuels we use will help protect the environment while achieving greater energy independence and security for our nation," U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta said. "Extending this incentive will encourage manufacturers to produce dual−fueled vehicles and retailers to provide pumps for these fuels." The final rule is available to the public in the DOT docket (Docket Number NHTSA 2001−10774).

Source: http://www.dot.gov/affairs/nhtsa804.htm

10. *February 18, BBC* — **Blast leads to additional security measures at Moscow Railway. Additional measures have been taken at Moscow Railway, a branch of the Russian Railways joint−stock company, to ensure security and the protection of mainline facilities. As the Moscow Railway press service reports, work on provision of traffic security has always been conducted at the railway but additional measures have been taken in the context of the February events in the Moscow underground.** Moscow Railway said that, first of all, protection and passenger control at the most important sites, as well as places where people congregate en masse: railway stations, passenger trains, health establishments had been strengthened. The press service said that preventive measures are being conducted to reveal and prevent terrorist acts. The conductors of the passenger carriages and crew are being daily instructed about how to proceed when they receive information about preparation and implementation of acts of terrorism. Moscow Railway said that together with law−enforcement agencies they check official premises that have been leased out, vehicles coming in for servicing, sidings and the left−luggage offices and luggage departments of the railway stations. Railway workers have been ordered to provide immediate information about any hints of terrorism.
Source: http://cnniw.yellowbrix.com/pages/cnniw/Story.nsp?story_id=47269109&ID=cnniw&scategory=Transportation:Rail&

11. *February 18, South Florida Sun−Sentinel* — **Fort Lauderdale port finds security costs overwhelming. Businesses at Florida's Port Everglades are challenging the skyrocketing cost of protecting the port from terrorist attack, saying they cannot continue to bear the brunt of bills for blast walls, security gates and extra deputies.** The cruise lines and shipping companies are pressing Broward County officials to rethink the extensive security precautions taken since the September 2001 terrorist attacks. The latest bill came Tuesday: $1 million in overtime for the Broward Sheriff's Office to staff each terminal this year with a deputy and community service aide when a cruise ship is docked. The security costs are expected to increase from $8.8 million last year to as much as $15 million this year, in addition to $40 million in ongoing construction to protect the port. The businesses want taxpayers or federal and state agencies to pick up more of the expenses if they can't be cut back. County officials in charge of the port agreed to reassess the costs and how they're paid over the next month. Among the ideas that will be considered: replacing some of the sheriff's deputies with a less expensive private security service. **In agreeing to the review, port administrators acknowledged the repeated increases in security costs over the past three years are having a devastating effect on the businesses.**
Source: http://cnniw.yellowbrix.com/pages/cnniw/Story.nsp?story_id=47262864&ID=cnniw&scategory=Transportation:Shipping&

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Postal and Shipping Sector

12. *February 18, DM News* — **APPS test begins in Minneapolis.** The U.S. Postal Service said that the first test for its automated package processing system (APPS) began Tuesday, February 17, at the Twin Cities Metro Hub in Minneapolis, Minnesota. **APPS, the next−generation**

package sorter, will replace more than 100 mechanized small parcel and bundle sorting machines at 70 postal facilities nationwide. The system is expected to boost productivity by reducing manual handling. The Postal Service said APPS has numerous enhanced features. Singulation, for example, allows packages to line up for processing easily. Also, dimensioning measures the package's length and girth to determine whether it is oversized. And, an image tunnel lifts images from four sides of a package.
Source: http://www.dmnews.com/cgi−bin/artprevbot.cgi?article_id=2654 7

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Agriculture Sector

13. *February 18, Agricultural Research Service* — **Scientists seek glassy−winged sharpshooters. Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists are investigating where sharpshooters are most likely, at any given time of the year, to rest, feed, lay their eggs or, perhaps most important, to ingest and transmit Xylella fastidiosa, a bacterium harmful to plants.** This microbe causes Pierce's disease of grapes. In other plants, X. fastidiosa causes diseases, such as almond leaf scorch and citrus variegated chlorosis. **Glassy−winged sharpshooters that feed on infected plants can spread the bacteria. In the past decade, Pierce's disease has caused approximately $14 billion in crop losses and pest control costs in southern California vineyards.** But losses could reach even higher levels if this insect, first detected in California in 1989, continues to expand its range. To learn more about glassy−winged sharpshooters and other insects that transmit X. fastidiosa, ARS entomologist Russell L. Groves is monitoring an extensive network of insect traps in glassy−winged sharpshooter infested areas of California's central San Joaquin Valley. **Results from this research should help growers get more from their pest−control dollars.** For example, the investigation may yield more precise information about where insects acquire X. fastidiosa in the central San Joaquin Valley, at what point they move into vineyards, and when they spread the bacterium into grapes.
Source: http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/pr/2004/040218.htm

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Food Sector

14. *February 18, Infectious Diseases Society Of America* — **Food−borne pathogen traced to lettuce. For the first time, scientists have identified fresh produce as the source of an outbreak of human Yersinia pseudotuberculosis infections.** The outbreak was identified in Finland and traced epidemiologically to farms producing lettuce. Y. pseudotuberculosis, first identified in 1883, causes infections characterized by fever and abdominal pain that are often confused with acute appendicitis. The microbe is well known in veterinary medicine as the cause of illnesses in hares, deer, and sheep, among other animals. Y. pseudotuberculosis infections in humans are relatively rare, and while foodborne transmission has long been suspected, attempts to trace the pathogen to a concrete source of contamination in the past have been unsuccessful. Robert V. Tauxe, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, notes that the next step in preventing future outbreaks of this kind might begin with studying the behavior of Y. pseudotuberculosis in lettuce plants and attempting to define whether deer or

other animals are the specific reservoir of the pathogen.
Source: http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2004/02/040218074750.ht m

15. *February 17, Food Safety and Inspection Service* — **Firm recalls frankfurters. Troy Pork Store, of New York, is voluntarily recalling approximately 540 pounds of beef and pork frankfurters that may be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced Tuesday, February 17.** These products were produced on January 23, 2004 and were distributed to restaurants in Troy, NY, and surrounding towns. The company also sold 1 pound vacuum sealed packages of the frankfurters at the company's retail store in Troy. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of these products. The problem was discovered by the company, which notified FSIS. Consumption of food contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially fatal disease.
Source: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/recalls/prelease/pr005−2004.htm

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Water Sector

16. *February 18, Honolulu Advertiser* — **Maui to hire consultant on water contamination.** With complaints about rashes not going away, the Maui, HI, Department of Water Supply is preparing to hire a consultant to examine the Upcountry water system in hopes of solving the problem. The county also is expected to receive $500,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to help address a related problem. **More than 120 complaints have been received about skin problems believed linked to the water system in Kula, said Jacky Takakura, department spokesperson.** Maui health officials are preparing to conduct a study to try to determine whether the Upcountry water is the source of the skin irritations. The complaints started after June 2001, when the Department of Water Supply began adding zinc orthophosphate, a compound designed to control high levels of lead caused by leaching of pipes in older homes. Responding to public pressure last year, the water department switched to a new additive, phosphoric acid, but the complaints persisted.
Source: http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2004/Feb/18/ln/ln3 6a.html

17. *February 16, Sacramento Business Journal* — **EPA approves new water test system.** A new test method for public drinking water, developed by a University of California professor, has won approval from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The system was developed in the early 1990s by University of California Berkeley's George Chang. **He says the system differs from earlier test methods approved by the EPA over the last 10 years because it can identify E. coli that have been weakened but not killed by water treatments.** The system will go mostly to public agencies that are testing for E. coli in water systems. It will also be used by food and beverage manufacturers.
Source: http://sacramento.bizjournals.com/sacramento/stories/2004/02 /16/daily3.html

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Public Health Sector

18. *February 18, Associated Press* — **New test could fine−tune antibiotic use. A blood test could help doctors determine whether antibiotics are needed for common respiratory infections and may reduce the over−prescribing that creates drug−resistant germs, new research suggests.** About 75 percent of all antibiotics are given for lower respiratory tract infections such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Most of these infections are caused by a virus, not bacteria. Experts say antibiotics are not only useless against viral infections, but also help bacteria evolve defenses against drugs. **The new test measures blood levels of a chemical marker that is elevated in bacterial infections but not so high when the cause is a virus. It yields results within an hour.** "This looks very promising," said Roy Anderson, an expert on antibiotic resistance at Imperial College in London. "Cutting the overuse of antibiotics is crucial to combatting antibiotic resistance."
Source: http://abcnews.go.com/wire/Living/ap20040218_993.html

19. *February 18, Voice of America* — **More bird flu deaths.** Authorities in Southeast Asia are reporting two more human fatalities from bird flu. **Vietnam reported its 15th death Wednesday, while experts in Thailand say a boy who died two weeks ago also succumbed to the respiratory virus.** The boy's death is the seventh in Thailand linked to bird flu. **Asia remains on a region−wide health alert, with new human infections reported almost daily in China.** Pacific rim governments have slaughtered more than 80 million chicken and ducks in an effort to control the spread of the disease, which health experts say was passed from live poultry to humans in most if not all of the cases. Health experts say bird flu will continue to pose a threat to humans, especially those working on Asian chicken farms.
Source: http://www.voanews.com/article.cfm?objectID=78DD342A−C91A−42BE−B89C0209264ABDEB

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Government Sector

20. *February 18, Government Executive Magazine* — **Homeland Security CIOs issue list of priorities. The Homeland Security Department's council of chief information officers on Tuesday, February 17, revealed its list of areas the department should focus on in 2004.** The council identified the following eight areas that DHS should prioritize this year: sharing information; mission rationalization, or determining the most cost effective way to meet objectives; information and technology security; developing a single information and technology infrastructure; developing a better enterprise architecture; using portfolio management techniques; good governance; and managing the employees who support information and technology programs.
Source: http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0204/021704c1.htm

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Emergency Services Sector

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February 18, Tribune Review (Pittsburgh, PA) — **Students learn about terrorism.** Community colleges are increasingly becoming a first line of defense in the nation's war against terrorism. **The Community College of Allegheny County has seen a 25 percent increase in its counter−terrorism seminars in the past year and is developing credit courses on the subject. Students may take noncredit classes running a half−day to three days on such subjects as "Emergency Response to Terrorism: Basic Concepts" and "Weapons of Mass Destruction: EMS Technician."** Last year, CCAC offered such classes to 1,172 students, mostly police, fire and emergency personnel, said Knox Walk, director of the school's Public Safety Institute. That's an increase of 25 percent over the previous year. Westmoreland County Community College offers classes on terrorism awareness and operations. Immediately after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, about 500 people enrolled. Since then, the classes have averaged about 80 students a year. The Collegiate Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development −− a group of community colleges in Southeastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey −− also offers counter−terrorism training.
Source: http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/tribune−review/pittsburgh/s_180145.html

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Information and Telecommunications Sector

22. *February 19, CNN* — **Rural Internet use on the rise.** More rural Americans are surfing through cyberspace than ever before. **Fifty−two percent of rural adults were connected in 2003, up from 41 percent in 2000**. Despite the growth, rural users still lag more than 10 percentage points behind their urban and suburban counterparts, according to the latest report from the Pew Internet and American Life Project, "Rural Areas and the Internet." Why the gap? First, **it's typically easier to get online in urban and suburban communities, and users have more choices when it comes to accessing the Internet**. Other factors include lower income levels and the fact that rural users are often older than urban and suburban users. The majority of the analysis from the "Rural Areas and the Internet" report came from random phone surveys conducted between March and August 2003. The report is availalble online: http://www.pewinternet.org/
Source: http://www.cnn.com/2004/TECH/02/18/hln.wired.rural.internet/ index.html

23. *February 18, Federal Computer Week* — **W3C adopts DARPA language.** The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) this month announced that the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) approved a computer language based on DARPA Agent Markup Language (DAML) as an international standard. **Web Ontology Language, known as OWL, was designated an official Web standard, joining such better−known languages as HTML and Extensible Markup Language (XML)**. The DARPA markup language project last year evolved into OWL and is continuing development under W3C's watch. **OWL builds on XML and is designed to allow a higher level of interoperability among devices, Web sites and databases**. It uses XML as to transport data, but OWL is designed to link disparate data from different sources and determine relationships between them. OWL's proponents say it can refine searches and Web services, giving users more accurate and precise information based on queries. And the language could potentially let computers recognize how disparate forms of information are linked and draw conclusions based on those links.
Source: http://fcw.com/fcw/articles/2004/0216/web−daml−02−19−04.asp

24. *February 18, IDG News Service* — **Experts warn of new NetSy worm variant.** Anti−virus software companies are warning that a new version of the NetSky e−mail worm is circulating on the Internet. NetSky.B, also known as Moodown.B, first appeared Wednesday, February 18, and is spreading through infected e−mail messages and shared network folders. **Once installed, NetSky tries to disable antivirus software, steal e−mail addresses and copy itself to shared network folders**, anti−virus companies said. The new worm is a modified version of NetSky.A, which appeared on Monday. Like its predecessor, NetSky.B arrives in e−mail messages that have randomly generated subject lines such as "something for you," "hello" or "fake." The worm file is contained in a zipped attachment that also has a randomly generated name and file type such as "document" "stuff" or "party." **Most copies of the worm appear to be coming from the Netherlands and elsewhere in Europe**. Users are advised to update their anti−virus software as soon as possible.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/securitytopics/security/virus/story/0,10801,90264,00.html

25. *February 17, eWEEK* — **New Bagle virus gaining momentum.** A new version of the Bagle virus is making the rounds of the Internet. **Known as Bagle.B, the virus is a mass−mailer like the original Bagle and also includes a component that notifies the author each time a new machine is infected**. The new variant arrives in an e−mail with a spoofed sending address and a subject line that contains the term "ID" followed by a string of random characters. The text of the message simply says: "Yours ID" followed by another bunch of random characters. The attachment is an executable file with a random file. Once the user executes the file, the virus mails itself to all of the names found on the user's hard drive, with the exception of addresses in the Hotmail, MSN, Microsoft and AVP domains. **Bagle.B also opens port 8866 and begins listening for remote connections**, according to Network Associates Inc. The virus also sends an HTTP notification, presumably to the author, notifying him that the machine is infected.
Source: http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,4149,1528349,00.asp?kc=EWRSS03119TX1K0000594

Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Alert Levels

 AlertCon: 2 out of 4 https://gtoc.iss.net	 Security Focus ThreatCon: 1 out of 4 http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/

Current Virus and Port Attacks

Virus:	#1 Virus in the United States: **WORM_MYDOOM.A** Source: http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html, Trend World Micro Virus Tracking Center [Infected Computers, North America, Past 24 hours, #1 in United States]
Top 10	3127 (mydoom), 135 (epmap), 445 (microsoft−ds), 80 (www), 4899

Target Ports	(radmin), 137 (netbios−ns), 1434 (ms−sql−m), 1080 (socks), 3128 (squid−http), 4000 (Connect−BackBackdoor) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html; Internet Storm Center

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General Sector

26. *February 17, Washington Post* — **U.S. says China is ally against proliferation. A senior U.S. arms control official said Monday, February 16, that, despite past sales of nuclear−related technology, the Chinese government now seems committed to cooperating with the United States to prevent nuclear proliferation in North Korea and elsewhere.** The upbeat assessment from John R. Bolton, undersecretary of state for arms control and international security, seemed designed to take the edge off reports from Washington this weekend quoting U.S. officials saying China has been −− and may still be −− cooperating with Pakistan on nuclear technology and missile development. "We are engaged in a continuous dialogue with China about what I think is a commitment at the top levels of the Chinese government to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction," Bolton said at a news conference here after the first of two days of talks with Chinese officials.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp−dyn/articles/A46375−2004Feb 16.html

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